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### A LETTER TO SULEIMAN ON DEVSHIRME

**SETTING:** You are a Muslim member of the Janissary under the Ottoman Ruler Suleiman in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Last night, in a dream, very very similar to Mr. Flynn's mini-lecture, you discovered that the Ottoman Empire would begin its decline under his rule. It just so happens that earlier in the day, during a meeting with the janissary, Suleiman stated that he was unsure if he should continue the practice of **devshirme**.

**DIRECTIONS:** In a brief letter to Suleiman (on the other side of this page) explain to Suleiman *whether* he should continue or discontinue the practices, especially in regards to your awareness of the impending decline of the Ottoman Empire.



Dear Suleiman,

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